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FROM: Alternate Designated Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding the Attendance by NASA Employees at a Reception and Dinner for AIAA's Space 2006 Conference September 18, 2006

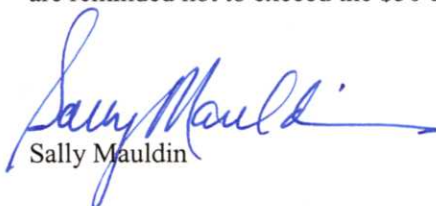
The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) will hold its annual conference, Space 2006, from September 19 through 21, 2006, at the San Jose Convention Center in San Jose, California. The AIAA is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, and is the world's largest professional society devoted to the progress of engineering and science in aviation, space, and defense. Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company is this year's industry co-chair; NASA Ames Research Center and the United States Air Force Space and Missiles Systems Center are government co-chairs.

In support of this event, the General Conference Chair, Ms. Joanne Maguire, Executive Vice President, Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company, will host this year's annual Chairman's Dinner on the evening of September 18, 2006 at the Silicon Valley Capitol Club in San Jose, CA. This event will be a widely attended gathering of more than 125 persons, including: NASA civil servants and contractors; representatives from other federal government agencies; AIAA volunteer leaders; the conference co-chairs; and aerospace and non-aerospace industry, media, education and community leaders. The estimated cost of the dinner and reception is valued at \$100 per person.

I find this event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 CFR § 2635.204(g). I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event. The event will serve as a forum for facilitating information concerning the Agency, the United States civilian space programs, and high-technology exchange with individuals from industry, non-profit sectors, other federal agencies, academia, and Silicon Valley non-traditional entrepreneurs. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect Lockheed Martin may accept an invitation for themselves and one guest for free attendance at the dinner and reception.

NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect Lockheed Martin, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 CFR § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

In addition, Lockheed Martin plans to give each attendee a memento estimated at \$12.50 per person, which is a small commemorative coaster (metallic with an embedded jig-saw puzzle). Attendees are reminded of the \$20 gift exception at 5 CFR § 2635.204(a) which provides that employees may accept gifts for themselves (and family members) valued at no more than \$20 per occasion. NASA invitees are reminded not to exceed the \$50 cap on gifts from Lockheed Martin in a calendar year.


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